

# United States District Court Southern District of Illinois

Michael J. Reagan, Chief United States District Judge  
Justine Flanagan, Acting Clerk of Court



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## ANNOUNCEMENT

The United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois encourages lawyers in the district to volunteer their time to assist indigent pro se parties in civil cases. Volunteering to represent an indigent party not only offers hands-on practical litigation experience, it also provides an opportunity for lawyers to get valuable federal court experience.

On **Friday, March 6, 2015**, the district court will host a continuing legal education seminar on the issue of exhaustion of remedies and “Pavey” hearings in prisoner civil rights litigation. The seminar will be geared to assist lawyers who volunteer to represent prisoners in cases pending in this district court. This will also be a good opportunity to learn about the Federal Rules of Evidence and Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

This **free** seminar will be held from **9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** at the East St. Louis courthouse, 750 Missouri Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois. MCLE credit of 3.5 hours is available, including .5 hours for ethics/professionalism.

Please register on the court’s website, [www.ilsd.uscourts.gov](http://www.ilsd.uscourts.gov), and identify any particular issues that you would like to have covered at the seminar. Counsel interested in a pro bono appointment can also sign up for the program on the website (under “Attorney Information” then “Pro Bono Volunteers”). Participants should be familiar with the Seventh Circuit’s decision in *Pavey v. Conley*, 544 F.3d 739 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2008). Participants are also encouraged to view on-line lectures presented by Jim Chapman at [www.illinoislegaladvocate.org](http://www.illinoislegaladvocate.org) (under “Legal Resources” then “Prisoners’ Rights”) and to review the Prison Litigation Handbook on the Court’s website (under “Attorney Information”).

If you have any questions about the seminar or the Court’s pro bono program, please contact the court’s Pro Se Paralegal, Tanya Kelley, at (618) 482-9224 or [Tanya\\_Kelley@ilsd.uscourts.gov](mailto:Tanya_Kelley@ilsd.uscourts.gov).